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SUBJECT: CARTER-MANLEY MEETING DEC. 16

1. THE DAILY GLEANER OF JAMAICA DECEMBER 22ND CARRIED ITS FIRST EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE CARTER-MANLEY MEETING UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT." FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE EDITORIAL

BEGIN TEXT: THE PRIME MINISTER MR. MANLEY HAS DESCRIBED HIS VISITS TO CARACAS, WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA AS VERY SUCCESSFUL. THE VISITS WERE NOT OFFICIAL, AND ONE U.S. NEWSPAPER THE MIAMI HERALD EVEN REFERRED TO THAT TO WASHINGTON AS A "PRIVATE" VISIT. BUT NEVERTHELESS THE PRIME MINISTER APPEARED TO HAVE MADE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPRESS THE JAMAICAN CASE UPON PRESIDENT CARTER, THE WORLD BANK, IMF AND INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK OFFICIALS AND TO CONFIRM TO PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU THE URGENT NEED FOR AID TO
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THE THIRD WORLD.

IT WAS A HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTED MRS. ROSALYN CARTER'S INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FIRST IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ON CARIBBEAN AID WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL LENDING AGENCIES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES AND CARIBBEAN REPRESENTATIVES.
HIS OWN ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLIC ADVOCACY OF THE CONSORTIUM
FOR AID APPROACH WHICH WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE
MUST HAVE ASSISTED IMMESURABLY.

WE ARE A LITTLE UNCERTAIN HOWEVER AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S
ADVOCACY OF CUBA'S PARTICIPATION, FOR AS CUBA BELONGS
UNMISTAKEABLY TO THE SOVIET BLOC OF COUNTRIES, IN TRADE,
IDEOLOGY AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL VOTING LOBBIES, IT
IS DIFFICULT TO SEE ANY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO HIS
PROPOSAL FROM WESTERN DONORS AND EVEN FROM SOME OF THE
CARIBBEAN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

IT IS CLEAR EVEN FROM THE SPARSE PRESS REPORTS OF
MR. MANLEY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE
WORKING, LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY THAT BOTH MEN GOT ON VERY
WELL TOGETHER. PRESIDENT CARTER SEEMED MORE THAN IMPRESSED
BY MR. MANLEY'S ARTICULATE ADVOCACY OF THE CAUSE OF
THE THIRD WORLD. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS STRONG IN HIS
DEFENCE OF THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND IN HIS ARTICULATION
OF THE CASE FOR NEW TRADING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE
DEVELOPED (USA AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES) AND
THE DEVELOPING PRODUCERS OF RAW MATERIALS.

IT IS ON THIS SECOND POINT RATHER THAN ON HIS UNNECESSARILY
QUIXOTIC DEFENCE OF THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CUBAN
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TROOPS IN ANGOLA THAT WE BELIEVE HIS VISIT WILL HAVE HAD
THE GREATEST IMPACT ON US POLICY MAKERS. IT COULD BE
SAID THAT THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL OF AN
INCREASE IN OPEC OIL PRICES IN ORDER THAT THE FUNDS MAY
BE USED TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RESULTED, FROM
MR. MANLEY'S RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, AND THOUGH IT
WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY OPEC COUNTRIES IT AGAIN TESTIFIES TO
THE STRENGTH OF MR. MANLEY'S PERSUASIVE POWERS.

WE COMMEND MR. MANLEY ON THE IMPRESSIONS WHICH HE
APPEARED TO HAVE LEFT IN WASHINGTON OF A PURPOSEFUL,
ARTICULATE AND SINCERE ADVOCATE OF THE NEED FOR RELIEF OF
THE PLIGHT OF THE POORER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
END TEST.

2. THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS DECEMBER 22ND CARRIED AN
EXTENSIVE REUTER'S COMMENTARY ON US-CUBAN RELATIONS UNDER
THE HEADLIN: "CUBA, US DETENTE STILL EDGING FORWARD."
THE PIECE WAS DATED HAVANA, DEC. 21, AND ATTRIBUTED
TO REUTER-CANA. POST HAS BEEN PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION
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